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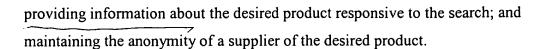
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- 1. A method of offering a product for sale between a supplier and a buyer, the method comprising the step of maintaining the anonymity of the supplier.
- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing information about the product to the buyer.
- 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of updating, editing or changing the product information.
 - 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the product information is linked to from a marketplace.
 - 5. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of providing a search capability for the product to provide the product information to the buyer.
 - 6. The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of providing a price watch feature.
 - 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a bookmark.
 - 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of separating the payment from the buyer and the payment to the supplier.
 - 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing payment passthrough from the buyer to the supplier.
- 10. A method of providing products to potential buyers, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a system that allows a desired product to be searched;



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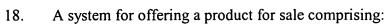
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- 11. The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of: entering a product description and a first price into a database of the system; computing a second price from said first price if desired; providing product description and the second price to prospective buyers; entering shipping and tracking information into said database if a product is purchased, and submitting an invoice to a supplier of said product.
- 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of submitting further comprises concealing the name of the supplier.
 - 13. A method of providing product information comprising the steps of: providing a database that is accessible to at least one user and to at least one supplier; and providing information responsive to the user, wherein supplier anonymity is maintained relative to the user.
 - 14. A product information system comprising: at least one maintenance apparatus that includes a database and an application, the database is accessible to at least two users, the database includes items of information with at least one item being associated to a one of the users, and the application withholds the association from another user.
 - 15. The system of claim 14 wherein the information is for at least one product.
 - 16. The system of claim 14 wherein a user is a supplier.
- 17. The system of claim 14 wherein the application is capable of providing information responsive to at least one of the users.





a database containing price information for a product from each of a plurality of suppliers;

an Internet connection to said database;

- a software program to calculate a second price from said price information for each of said plurality of suppliers; and
- a web page operable to display said second price for each of said plurality of suppliers.

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